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Column 11, line 10:

Please delete:

5. The ink jet printer according to claim 4, wherein the ink cartridge comprises a plurality of ink cartridges arranged in such a manner that an ink cartridge with a higher ink viscosity is located upstream of a flow of the pressurized air from the air pump to the orifice.

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5. The ink jet printer according to claim 2, wherein an orifice for exhausting part of the pressurized air is provided in a vicinity of an opposite end of the air supply tube to the air pump.

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